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Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. EPA, Region IX  
75 Hawthorne Street (CGR-3-1)  
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Subject: FOIA Request  
EPA Region IX Air and Toxics Division

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552), please provide copies of all of the information that EPA possesses that indicates that a 2 ppm NOx level "has been consistently achieved in a Region IX facility" (UC San Diego), as indicated in EPA's October 25, 2001 letter to Mohsen Nazemi of the South Coast AQMD.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please bill Sierra Research for reasonable costs associated with assembling this material. Please call me at (916) 444-6666 with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Gary Rubenstein



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December 10, 2001

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request RIN 00066-02

Dear Mr. Rubenstein,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated November 12, 2001, regarding information that indicates that a NOx emission rate of 2.0 ppm has been achieved in practice at a Region 9 facility. The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District has informed EPA that it has data that indicates that a NOx emission rate of 2.0 ppm has been achieved in practice at the UC San Diego facility. However, EPA does not have this data, and cannot independently verify the emission level. In addition, EPA has CEMS data from the Sunlaw Cogeneration Partners facility in Vernon CA. EPA has not yet evaluated this data to determine whether it demonstrates that a NOx emission level of 2.0 ppm has been achieved at that facility.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Roger Kohn of my staff at (415) 972-3973.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Permits Office  
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